

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, the Monthly Session of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners began and was held in and for the aforementioned State and County on the 27th day of June, 2016 A.D. at 6:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Dandridge, Tennessee. Present and presiding were Chairman Jimmy Carmichael; Deputy County Clerk Pam Hill; and the following County Commissioners answering to Roll Call Docket Page 276 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, John McGraw, Russell Turner, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Robert Blevins, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Robert Tucker, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Twenty (20) members were present; one (1) was absent: Donnie Tabor.

Chairman Jimmy Carmichael called the meeting to order. Commissioner John McGraw gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jimmy Carmichael.

APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner Scarlett moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Quarterly Session, April 18, 2016, and the Special Called Session, May 23, 2016. Commissioner Seals seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:

Frank Clamon 1st District – Spoke to the county's need to reactivate the Long-Range Planning Committee to address the county's long-range capital needs plan. Encouraged the county commission's improved use of standing committees and spoke in favor of building a county complex.

Jeanne Ringe, President of the Humane Society – Spoke to the Humane Society's need for more funding from the County Commission than the \$70,000 allocated by the Budget Committee due to a total of \$105,950 in expenses budgeted for the year.

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:

Deputy County Clerk Hill requested to add the name of A. Benjamin Strand to the distributed notary list, with no objections from the floor, the name was added. Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the list of notaries as presented and amended, Commissioner Scarlett seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion **passed** (20-0), and the below named applicants for Notary Public were approved provided the proper bonds or property affidavits are filed in the office of the County Clerk.

Alice R. Kirkpatrick	Carey A. Line	Carolyn Loope	Chad F. Long
Donna Banks	Frances Renee Collins	Glenna Justice	James W. Baldwin
Jason T. Hunt	Joyce Sue Keisling	Karen A. Trent	Mary Rauhuff
Megan Andrews	Michael Douglas Anderson	Mitzi Donahoo	Pam Dockery
Rebecca L. Sauerbrei	Robert E. Franklin	Tami Dillon	Tina R. Griffin
Tonya M. Douglas	Tracy Bradshaw	Yvette Holt	Ashley Livesay

A. Benjamin Strand

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS:

A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri

1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Fire Protection Services between the Town of White Pine, Tennessee, and Jefferson County, Tennessee – Commissioner Turner moved to approve, Commissioner Baxley provided a second, and with no opposition voiced, the agreement was **approved**.
2. Addressed an email that was dispersed from a citizen to county commissioners stating that because the mayor wanted to see a new county complex built that he had withheld funds for repair and maintenance from being spent on the existing buildings. He disagreed with this statement stating that since he took office in 2006 the county had spent nearly \$25 Million on the old buildings.
3. Mayor Palmieri requested an additional \$30,000 to purchase a vehicle for the Zoning Office. He also requested an additional \$15,000 to be added to the \$16,000 included in the budget to purchase a new vehicle for the Mayor.
4. Mayor Palmieri requested additional personnel be approved to the E-911 budget (1 employee approx \$52,000), EMS budget (2 employees \$118,000), a Human Resource Officer for General Fund Employees to be included in this budget cycle.
5. Mayor Palmieri requested a 2% wage increase for county employees.
6. Mayor Palmieri requested to restore the \$16,900 reduced from the Environmental budget last fiscal year for salaries.

B. Sheriff G.W. “Bud” McCoig – Sheriff McCoig spoke to the upcoming need to increase the capacity of the jail, due to housing an average of over 300 inmates in recent months and the many uses the Sheriff’s Department has for the boat that was recently purchased using funds from the Drug Fund.

C. Finance Director, Langdon Potts

1. **Resolution 2016-30**, Surplus to Dispose – County Archives
2. **Resolution 2016-31**, Surplus to Dispose – County Trustee
3. **Resolution 2016-32**, Surplus to Dispose – County Juvenile Court
At the request of Commissioner Seals, these items were grouped and on a motion from Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Turner, with no opposition voiced, **Resolutions 2016-30, 2016-31, and 2016-32** were **approved**.
4. General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 – Nursing Home: Copies of this 185-page document are available for inspection in the County Commission Office and the Finance Department.
5. County & School Summary Financial Statements for Mar. 31, 2016 & Apr. 30, 2016: Presented and filed.

D. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Darrell Helton, April & May 2016 Report: Presented at Work Session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:

A. Budget Committee Chairman, Commissioner Scarlett – Budget Committee recommendations

1. Schools RZEDB – High School Fund 181, Budget Amendment #1 – As recommended by the Budget Committee states the schools will provide a Capital needs plan, and planned use of the money allocated in this amendment, to include the schools getting the “Patriot Academy money”, High School remainder, Building 8 remainder, and any monies received from the lawsuit arbitration. The county shall be returned the “retainage” and any overpayments/refunds. **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).

2. LIDAR Funding Request – Larry Masters, Jefferson County GIS Consortium, LIDAR Overview – Motion to approve funding from fund balance by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Seals, after discussion a motion to postpone and be readdressed after our books were closed for FY 2015-2016 was made by Commissioner Huffaker, seconded by Commissioner Kesterson, LIDAR Funding was **postponed** on a Roll Call vote 12-8 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, and Sheets).
3. County Year-End Budget Amendments
 - a) General Fund 101, Amendment #14, Items #1-14
 - b) General Fund 101, Amendment #15, Items #1-8
 - c) General Fund 101, Amendment #17, Item #1
 - d) General Fund 101, Amendment #18, Items #1-26
 - e) Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund 116, Amendment #3, Item 1
 - f) Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund 116, Amendment #4, Item 1
 - g) Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund 116, Amendment #5, Item 1
 - h) Drug Control Fund 122, Amendment #2, Item #1
 - i) Highway Fund 131, Amendment #9, Items #1-2
 - j) Highway Fund 131, Amendment #10, Item #1
 - k) Debt Service Fund 151, Amendment #2, Item #1
 - l) Debt Service Fund 151, Amendment #3, Item #1
 - m) Capital Fund 171, Amendment #5, Item #1
 - n) Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) Fund 207, Amendment #6, Items #1-2
 - o) Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) Fund 207, Amendment #8, Items #1
 - p) Solid Waste Disposal (Landfill) Fund 207, Amendment #9, Items #1-2

At the request of the Budget Committee, these amendments were grouped and moved for approval, without opposition voiced, the amendments were **approved**.

 - q) General Fund 101, Amendment #16, Items #1-2

Approved on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
 - r) Courthouse & Jail Maint. Fund 112, Amendment #2, Item #1

Approved on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
 - s) Law Library Fund 114, Amendment #1, Item #1

Approved on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
 - t) Highway Fund 131, Amendment #8, Items #1-2

Approved on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
4. School Budget Amendments
 - a) General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #14, Items #1-3
 - b) General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #15, Items #1-6
 - c) General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #16, Items #1-2
 - d) General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #18, Items #1-30

These amendments were grouped by consensus of the floor and moved for approval, without opposition voiced, the amendments were **approved**.
 - e) General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #17, Item #1

Approved on a Roll Call vote 18-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, McGraw, Turner, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, Sheets).

- f) Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #9, Items #1-4
- g) Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #10, Items #1-3
- h) Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #11, Items #1-6

Amendments 9, 10, and 11 were grouped and **approved** with no opposition voiced.

- i) Federal Purpose Fund 143, Amendment #3, Item #1

Approved with no opposition voiced.

5. **Resolution 2016-22**, \$1,000,000 Interfund Loan (White Pine School) – **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present)
6. **Resolution 2016-23**, Distribution of One-Half (1/2) Local Sales Tax Revenue – **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
7. Commissioner Tucker moved to take \$45,000 from the current year's fund balance to procure the vehicles requested by the mayor for the purchase of a new vehicle for his use and for the Zoning Office, a second was provided by Commissioner Blevins. Commissioner Kesterson called for the question and with a Roll Call vote taken, the motion **failed** 4-15-1 (in favor: Gaut, Blevins, Eslinger, and Tucker; Abstain: Seals).
8. Jefferson County Proposed Budget, Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017, Passed by the Budget Committee on May 23, 2016:
 - a) **Resolution 2016-25**, Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy
 - b) **Resolution 2016-26**, Resolution Appropriating the Various Funds
 - c) **Resolution 2016-27**, Resolution Making Appropriations to Non-Profits

At the request of Commissioner Musick, **Resolutions 2016-25, 2016-26, and 2016-27** were grouped and were **approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, Sheets).
 - d) **Resolution 2016-28**, Resolution Authorizing Leases of Business Machines – **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
 - e) **Resolution 2016-29**, Resolution to Adopt a Continuing Budget and Tax Rate – **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
- B. County Library Board Chair – Ms. Michelle Templin – Ms. Templin stated that the County Library Board had met on June 21st and revised their personnel policies so that they align with the existing county policies.
- C. Facilities Committee Chairman, Commissioner Turner – Meeting scheduled for Thursday at 10:30 AM.
- D. Finance Committee Chairman/Commissioner McGraw – Finance Committee is removing the Finance Director's existing job description to clean it up so that it aligns more closely without conflict with the Act of '81.
- E. Regional Planning Commission Chairman Mr. Terry Reneau, Regulations on RV Parks/Campgrounds and Gun/Firing Ranges – On behalf of the Planning Commission, Mr. Reneau requested the County Commission place a Moratorium on RV Parks/Campgrounds and Gun/Firing Ranges until the end of the year or until regulations can be put in place by the Planning Commission, whichever comes first. A motion was made by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Baxley, to approve this moratorium and to have a Resolution drafted for review at the July 11, 2016 Work Session and consideration at the July 18, 2016 meeting. After discussion, a Roll Call vote was taken and the moratorium was **approved** 19-0-1 (Abstain: Seals)

ITEMS OF INFORMATION FOR COMMISSIONERS

- A. Commissioner David Seal – Photo ID – Commissioner Seal presented information gathered from the Department of Safety on having a location in the County to create new issuance of Photo ID cards to citizens.
- B. Schools Coordinator, Family Resource Center Karen Blomdahl, 2016 Year-End Report: Presented at Work Session.
- C. Baneberry VFD Chief James Williford, Apr & May 2016 Activity Reports: Presented at Work Session.
- D. Chestnut Hill VFD Chief George Owenby, Apr & May 2016 Activity Reports: Presented at Work Session.
- E. Dandridge VFD Chief Andrew Riley, Apr & May 2016 Activity Reports: Presented at Work Session.

Commissioner Baxley left the meeting at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Russell Turner, Motion: To use the county website to make available to the public all county commission meeting agendas and associated meeting documents. – “I move that our County Commission Chair or his/her designee be given the responsibility to upload to the county website under the “County Commission” link the county commission Work Session agendas, voting session agendas, and supporting documents pertaining to those meetings.” A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 19-0 (in favor: all present).

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Jefferson County Board of Commissioners Resolution 2016-24, Rezoning Request from A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) to C-2 (General Commercial) for property off Highway 25-70, Dandridge, Tennessee, owned by Dell Wilson Hawkins/Holly Long (Map 070, a portion of parcel 023.00) APPROVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MAY 17, 2016 – A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Scarlett, with no opposition voiced, Commissioner Seals abstaining, the Rezoning was **approved**.
- B. Commissioner David Gaut – County Complex: Commissioner Gaut moved to proceed with the building of a County Complex. The process would include the sale of current properties excluding the historic courthouse. Commissioner Seals provided a second. During discussion, Commissioner McGraw moved to refer this topic to a committee to explore the uses of the historic courthouse. Commissioner McGraw’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Musick, after discussion, a Roll Call vote was taken and the referral **failed** 2-17 (in favor: Musick, McGraw). A Roll Call vote was taken on the original motion and the motion **failed** 2-17 (in favor: Gaut, Seals).

Commissioner Blevins left at this time.

- C. Commissioner Scarlett moved to suspend the rules to allow the full commission to look at releasing some of the money to the school board so that they can complete some needed work over the summer before school is back in session, seconded by Commissioner Solomon. With no objections voiced, the rules were **suspended**. Commissioner Scarlett moved based on the previous budget amendment that the commission release \$75,000 of that amended money to the school board so that paving work could be completed between the stadium and the school before school is back in session. Commissioner Solomon provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion was **approved** 18-0 (in favor: all present).

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:55 PM.